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Title of Invention TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE AND LOADING DILATOR			

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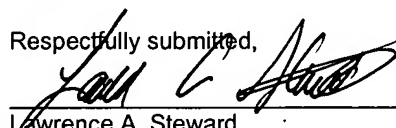
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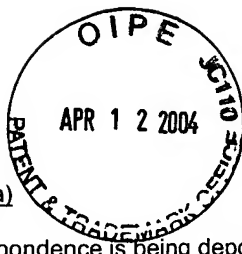

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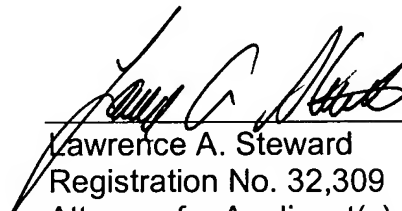
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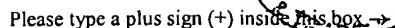
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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